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Proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Report of the Secretary-General*

Summary

The present report provides details on the proposed donation of assets from the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH) to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The inventory value of the assets of the Mission as at 22 July 2002 amounted to some $58.8 million, 12 per cent of which are proposed for donation to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina, based on the Mission's asset disposal plan.

The action to be taken by the General Assembly, as set out in paragraph 7, is to approve the proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

* The present report was not originally foreseen. However, in view of the decisions taken in connection with the completion of the UNMIBH mandate on 31 December 2002, the report is being submitted for consideration at the fifty-seventh session.

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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 1035 (1995) of 21 December 1995, the Security Council established a United Nations civilian police force to be known as the International Police Task Force (IPTF) to be entrusted with the responsibilities set out in annex 11 of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the annexes thereto (collectively "the Peace Agreement" contained in document A/50/790-S/1995/999, annex) and a United Nations civilian office with responsibilities set out in the report of the Secretary-General dated 13 December 1995 (S/1995/1031). This operation is referred to as the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina (UNMIBH). By its resolution 1423 (2002) of 12 July 2002, the Council extended the mandate of the Mission to 31 December 2002. By the same resolution, the Council also welcomed the decision of the European Union to send a Police Mission (EUPM) to Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1 January 2003 as well as support the close coordination between the European Union, UNMIBH and the High Representative for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement on Bosnia and Herzegovina to ensure a seamless transition. The mandate of UNMIBH will be completed on 31 December 2002 and the Mission is expected to complete its liquidation activities during the next six-month period ending 30 June 2003.

2. The Mission has formulated a preliminary assets disposal plan based on the principles and policies approved by the General Assembly in section VII of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and resolution 52/1 B of 26 June 1998. Based on the inventory records as at 22 July 2002, the assets of UNMIBH were established at approximately $58.8 million, at their inventory value. It is proposed that 12 per cent of these assets, with an inventory value of $7.1 million, be donated to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is currently estimated that 55 per cent of the assets (inventory value of $32.6 million) will be transferred to the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, one per cent (inventory value of $127,500) will be sold to United Nations agencies and 32 per cent (inventory value of $18.9 million) will be written off or disposed of commercially.

3. While the report on the final disposition of UNMIBH assets will be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session and will reflect the actual disposition of property, it is imperative that the Assembly take action on the proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina at this time before the termination of the mandate on 31 December 2002.

II. Proposed donation of assets to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. The process of identifying the assets for donation was guided by section VII of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A and takes into consideration the recommendation contained in paragraph 53 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/55/874) that the proposed transfer of assets to a host Government under "temporary possession" arrangements be submitted to the Committee for review prior to finalizing the transfer to the host Government.

5. At the end of the armed conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, UNMIBH deployed the assets proposed for donation to local police stations, border service

stations and mine action centres which were shared with the IPTF. The assets served as the foundation upon which the local administrative bodies were built. The withdrawal of the assets would not only impede the successful completion of the UNMIBH mandate, but would also have a detrimental effect on the rehabilitation process of the country. In addition, the assets proposed for donation do not meet the requirements for transfer to other peacekeeping missions or sale to other United Nations agencies or non-governmental organizations, but remain operational to local authorities.

6. The inventory value of the assets proposed for donation amounts to $7,103,200, with a corresponding residual value of $2,217,900. Detailed information and justification on the reasons for the proposed donation of assets to the host Government is provided below:

(a) *Ablution and accommodation units*. The units proposed for donation were received from liquidating missions as early as 1992. Owing to normal wear and tear, the units are not suitable for transfer to other peacekeeping missions;

(b) *Light vehicles*. The age, mileage and condition of the vehicles render them unsuitable for transfer to other peacekeeping missions;

(c) *Communications and office equipment*. The equipment proposed for donation was installed in local police stations throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. The removal of equipment would have a negative impact on the ability of the local police to perform their duties;

(d) *Data-processing equipment*. The data-processing assets proposed for donation do not meet the criteria for transfer to other missions. The remaining lifespan of these assets is less than two years;

(e) *Generators*. The 10 generators proposed for donation are not suitable for transfer to other missions owing to normal wear and tear;

(f) *Medical equipment*. The two surgical theatres proposed for donation are not suitable for transfer to other missions owing to normal wear and tear;

(g) *Accommodation and miscellaneous equipment*. The assets proposed for donation do not meet the criteria for donation as a result of normal deterioration.

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session

7. **The action to be taken by the General Assembly is to approve the donation of assets with an inventory value of $7,103,200 and a corresponding residual value of $2,217,900 to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.**

Annex

Summary of property proposed for donation to the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Total assets		*Proposed for donation*		
Category of assets	*Quantity*	*Inventory value*	*Quantity*	*Inventory value*	*Residual value*
Prefabricated buildings					
Ablution units	62	514.0	5	47.7	16.7
Accommodation units	470	2 070.3	26	113.3	44.5
Kitchen units	6	75.5	-	-	-
Rubb Halls/tentage	16	975.6	-	-	-
Storage units	6	140.5	-	-	-
Subtotal	**560**	**3 775.9**	**31**	**161.0**	**61.2**
Vehicular equipment					
Light vehicles	1 144	15 929.2	10	102.9	39.4
Medium vehicles	30	1 038.9	-	-	-
Heavy vehicles	52	4 912.8	-	-	-
Engineering equipment	8	486.3	-	-	-
Material handling equipment	29	1 628.1	-	-	-
Armoured vehicles (civilian)	27	1 991.0	-	-	-
Transport tools and equipment	158	283.3	-	-	-
Trailers	51	555.8	-	-	-
Vehicle attachments	64	319.5	-	-	-
Subtotal	**1 563**	**27 144.9**	**10**	**102.9**	**39.4**
Air traffic control equipment					
Weather station	1	9.1			
Subtotal	**1**	**9.1**	-	-	-
Communications equipment					
Complementary	59	228.0	-	-	-
Telephone equipment	934	2 446.2	123	191.7	66.5
Radio equipment	4 298	4 181.4	3 143	2 348.3	802.3
Broadcasting equipment	181	585.2	25	71.8	16.3
Satellite equipment	920	6 069.8	-	-	-
Tools and equipment	141	920.3	1	1.5	0.4
Subtotal	**6 533**	**14 430.9**	**3 292**	**2 613.3**	**885.5**
Office equipment					
Photocopiers	311	1 020.0	84	154.5	59.3
Safes	75	52.5	-	-	-
Office complementary equipment	243	184.1	9	6.5	1.2
Subtotal	**629**	**1 256.6**	**93**	**161.0**	**60.5**

Category of assets	Total assets		Proposed for donation		
	Quantity	Inventory value	Quantity	Inventory value	Residual value
Data-processing equipment					
Desktop computers	2 149	2 668.1	1 611	1 997.2	636.1
Laptop computers	543	1 210.1	339	764.7	231.0
Printers	1 811	1 091.8	556	491.1	96.0
Monitors	2 213	652.4	1 639	429.2	134.1
Tools and equipment	574	1 517.2	133	244.8	46.4
Servers	47	700.8	4	66.3	12.2
Palmtop computers	5	2.5	-	-	-
Subtotal	**7 342**	**7 842.9**	**4 282**	**3 993.3**	**1 155.8**
Generators	**143**	**1 501.7**	**10**	**25.3**	**4.9**
Observation equipment					
Binoculars	12	9.4	-	-	-
Night observation device	3	13.9	-	-	-
Subtotal	**15**	**23.3**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Petrol tank plus metering equipment					
Fuel tank	58	130.3	-	-	-
Fuel pump	49	213.2	-	-	-
Subtotal	**107**	**343.5**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Water and septic tanks					
Water tanks/bladders	45	171.4	-	-	-
Subtotal	**45**	**171.4**	**-**	**-**	**-**
Medical and dental equipment					
Surgical theatre	57	70.6	2	1.7	0.7
Laboratory	9	14.2	-	-	-
Subtotal	**66**	**84.8**	**2**	**1.7**	**0.7**
Accommodation equipment					
Air conditioner	413	239.2	59	37.5	8.4
Household appliances	126	295.5	-	-	-
Kitchen equipment	43	84.0	-	-	-
Subtotal	**582**	**618.7**	**59**	**37.5**	**8.4**
Refrigeration equipment			-	-	-
Refrigerators	299	92.9	-	-	-
Refrigeration containers	1	26.1	-	-	-
Subtotal	**300**	**119.0**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Category of assets	Total assets		Proposed for donation		
	Quantity	Inventory value	Quantity	Inventory value	Residual value
Miscellaneous equipment					
Audio-visual equipment	389	383.1	1	0.9	0.2
Construction equipment	3	11.1			
Electrical equipment	13	41.9			
Fitness equipment	2	15.4			
Furniture	3	5.9			
Lighting equipment	2	13.5			
Miscellaneous equipment	10	32.3			
Photographic equipment	103	84.8	10	6.3	1.3
Pumping equipment	18	50.7			
Sea containers	225	288.8			
Security equipment	39	180.0			
Surveying equipment	6	21.9			
Tools general purpose	182	268.0			
Warehouse equipment	6	21.1			
Subtotal	**1 001**	**1 418.5**	**11**	**7.2**	**1.5**
Field defence equipment					
Observation towers	6	38.2	-	-	-
Subtotal	**6**	**38.2**	-	-	-
Water purification equipment	**6**	**5.7**	-	-	-
Total	**18 899**	**58 785.1**	**7 790**	**7 103.2**	**2 217.9**